IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/873,259 Confirmation No. 5965

Applicant : T. TANAKA et al.

Filed : June 5, 2001

Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROKER

SERVICE TO AUCTIONS

TC/AU : 3691

Examiner : S.E. Chencinski

Docket No. : NIT-278

Customer No.: 24956

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 3, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2009, the period for reply thereto being extended by two months and set to expire on August 3, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.